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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application. Claims 2, 29, 33, 42-44, and 55-70 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3-28, 30-32, 34-41, and 45-54 are pending, of which claims 1, 3-28, 30-32, 34-41, and 45-54 have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant contacted the Examiner by telephone on March 1, 2006 to discuss the pending Office Action dated December 1, 2005. Applicant appreciates the Examiner taking time to discuss the subject application in an effort to advance prosecution, and to place the claims in condition for allowance over the references of record. The pending claims are amended herein to clarify audio buffers with audio effects, such as described with reference to the exemplary system shown in Fig. 6. Accordingly:

Claim 1 along with dependent claims 3-16 are allowable;

Claim 17 along with dependent claims 18-28 and 30-31 are allowable;

Claim 32 along with dependent claims 34-40 are allowable; and

Claim 41 along with dependent claims 45-54 are allowable.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-56, 58, and 65 have been objected to for informalities (*Office Action* p.2). Appropriate amendments have been provided herein and Applicant respectfully requests that the claim objections be withdrawn.

1 **35 U.S.C. §101 Claim Rejections**

2 Claims 1-54 and 57-70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed
3 to non-statutory subject matter (*Office Action* p.2). Appropriate amendments have
4 been provided herein and Applicant respectfully requests that the §101 claim
5 rejections be withdrawn.

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7 **35 U.S.C. §102 Claim Rejections**

8 Claims 57-70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by
9 a document entitled "Inside DirectX" ver.5 by Bargen (hereinafter, "Bargen")
10 (*Office Action* p.13). Claims 57-70 are canceled herein thus obviating the §102
11 rejections.

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13 **35 U.S.C. §103 Claim Rejections**

14 Claims 1-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over a
15 document entitled "Inside DirectX" ver.5 by Bargen (hereinafter, "Bargen"), in
16 view of U.S. Patent No. 6,658,309 to Abrams et al. (hereinafter, "Abrams")
17 (*Office Action* p.3). Claims 2, 29, 33, 42-44, and 55-70 have been canceled.

18 As described above, pending claims 1, 3-28, 30-32, 34-41, and 45-54 are in
19 condition for allowance over Bargen and/or Abrams. Accordingly, Applicant
20 respectfully requests that the §103 rejection be withdrawn.

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